Treatments for COVID-19
What You Need to Know
Do you have these symptoms?

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

Here’s what you should know...

- COVID-19 treatments must be started within days after you first develop symptoms to be effective. Do not delay in seeking treatment.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 and are more likely to get very sick, treatments are available that can reduce your chances of hospitalization and death.
- Be sure to talk to your medical provider as soon as you feel ill and have a positive test.

This list does not include ALL possible symptoms.
These medications are intended for people who are at **high-risk** of getting a severe COVID-19 infection. Below are some factors to understand if you are at high-risk:

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| People with a weakened immune system due to certain medications (such as transplant anti-rejection medications or chemotherapy) or due to other conditions (such as HIV) are at a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19. | • Heart, liver, lung, or kidney disease  
• Tobacco use or substance use disorders  
• Organ or stem-cell transplant  
• Mental health conditions  
• Overweight and obesity  
• Sickle cell disease  
• Cancer  
• Dementia  
• Diabetes  
• Pregnancy |

**Ages 65 +**
AVAILABLE COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS

COVID-19 Pre-exposure Prophylaxis
- EVUSHELD (monoclonal antibody)

COVID-19 Treatment
- Paxlovid (oral antiviral)
- Remdesivir (oral antiviral)
- Lagevrio (oral antiviral)
- Bebtelovimab (monoclonal antibody)
HOW DO COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS WORK?

1. Monoclonal Antibodies
   - Monoclonal antibodies help the immune system recognize and respond more effectively to the virus.

2. Oral Antivirals
   - Antiviral treatments target specific part of the virus to stop it from multiplying in the body, helping to prevent severe illness and death.
EVUSHELD is an injection that consists of 2 monoclonal antibodies given together to help prevent infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 in people that have a compromised immune system.

**Eligibility** If you are moderately or severely immunocompromised or severely allergic to COVID-19 vaccines, you may be eligible for EVUSHELD.

- This is used in adults and children ages 12 years and older weighing at least 88 lbs.
- This medicine is not for you if you have recently been exposed to COVID-19 or are currently sick with COVID-19.

**How** A healthcare provider gives EVUSHELD as 2 separate consecutive injections into the gluteal muscle at a doctor’s office or healthcare facility. You must be monitored for 1 hour following your injections.

**Efficacy** Data shows that EVUSHELD reduces the risk of developing COVID-19 up to 83%!
COVID-19 TREATMENTS

**Paxlovid** is an **oral antiviral tablet** made of a combination of Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir.

**Eligibility**
You must have a positive COVID-19 test (a positive home test is sufficient).

- This treatment is for adults and children ages 12 years and older that weigh at least 88lbs
- Make sure to review all your current medications, even over the counter and herbal medications, with your provider before taking Paxlovid.

**How**
The medication must be started as soon as possible, within 5 days of when SYMPTOMS start. Paxlovid is taken by mouth for 5 days.

**Efficacy**
Paxlovid reduces your risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 disease by 88-90%!
REMDESIVIR is an intravenous antiviral that is approved for both inpatient and outpatient treatment of COVID-19.

**Eligibility** You must have a positive COVID-19 test (a positive home test is sufficient).
- This treatment is for anyone 28 days old and older and weighing at least 3.0 kg (6.6 lbs).

**How** This medication is given as an infusion through your vein for 3 consecutive days.
- The medication must be started as soon as possible, within 7 days of when SYMPTOMS start.
- Make sure to review all your current medications, even over the counter and herbal medications, with your provider before taking Remdesivir.
- You must be monitored for 1 hour after you receive your Remdesivir infusion.

**Efficacy** Remdesivir reduces your risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 infection by 87%!
Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) is an oral antiviral that is authorized as an alternative COVID-19 treatment when you are unable to take either Paxlovid or Remdesivir.

Eligibility
You must have a positive COVID-19 test (a positive home test is sufficient).

- This treatment is for adults 18 years old and older. This medication is not appropriate for children.
- Make sure to review all your current medications, even over the counter and herbal medications, with your provider before taking Lagevrio.
- If you are pregnant or may become pregnant, make sure you discuss the risks and benefits of Lagevrio with your provider.

How
Lagevrio is taken by mouth twice a day for 5 days.

- The medication must be started as soon as possible, within 5 days of when symptoms start.

Efficacy
Lagevrio reduces your risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 infection by 30%
Bebtelovimab is an intravenous monoclonal antibody and is authorized as an alternative COVID-19 treatment when you are unable to take either Paxlovid or Remdesivir.

**Eligibility** You must have a positive COVID-19 test (a positive home test is sufficient).

- This treatment is for adults and children 12 years and older and weighing at least 88lbs.
- Make sure to review all your current medications, even over the counter and herbal medications, with your provider before taking Bebtelovimab.

**How** This medication is given as a 1x infusion into your vein.

- The medication must be started as soon as possible, within 7 days of when SYMPTOMS start.
- You must be monitored for 1 hour after you receive your Bebtelovimab infusion.

**Efficacy** Bebtelovimab reduces viral load by 40%
These medications are free

You may be responsible for a co-pay or administration fee at the location where you receive the treatment.

You will not be responsible for any fees from a pharmacy if receiving tablets or capsules for the treatment of COVID-19.

What if I need help covering a co-pay?

These medications are often covered by insurance, including Medicare. People who are underinsured or uninsured can call their local health department to locate a nearby Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Free Clinic for access to COVID-19 treatment. You may also use the locator tool for test to treat sites.

If you do not have insurance, ask the facility if there will be a charge.
Get Vaccinated!

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
ONLINE:
Insert your Clinic’s information here

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
OVER THE PHONE:
Insert your Clinic’s phone number here

For all other COVID-19 related concerns, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/
Get Vaccinated!

Vaccination remains the most important tool to control the pandemic

The vaccines are **free, safe, and widely available** to everyone ages 6 months and older.

Vaccines offer **long-term protection** against COVID-19 and have been shown to be effective against variants of COVID-19, including Omicron.

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